

SENATE BILL No. 673

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Transportation oversight committee. Creates the motor vehicle transportation oversight study committee to study motor vehicle transportation funds and motor vehicle transportation needs in Indiana. Requires the committee to study the methods and levels of funding for highways, the distribution of highway funds, the use of highway funds after distribution, alternative financing techniques for highway and motor vehicle needs, and other motor vehicle transportation issues identified by the committee as requiring study. Provides for the appointment of members to the committee. Requires annual reports from the committee to the legislative council. Allows the committee to employ consultants. Requires approval from a majority of the members appointed to the committee for any committee action.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 22, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "committee" refers to the motor vehicle transportation
3 oversight study committee established by subsection (b).

4 (b) The motor vehicle transportation oversight study committee
5 is established to study motor vehicle transportation funds and
6 motor vehicle transportation needs in Indiana.

7 (c) The committee shall study:

8 (1) the methods and levels of funding for highways;

9 (2) the distribution of highway funds;

10 (3) the use of highway funds after distribution;

11 (4) alternative financing techniques for highway and motor
12 vehicle needs; and

13 (5) other motor vehicle transportation issues identified by the
14 committee as requiring study.

15 (d) The committee may study other topics assigned by the
16 legislative council or as directed by the committee chair.

17 (e) The committee consists of fourteen (14) members appointed
18 as follows:



(1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(5) The commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles.

(6) The commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.

The individuals appointed under subdivisions (3) and (4) must be experts in the areas of finance, transportation, or highway funds management.

(f) The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a member of the committee to serve as chair of the committee. Whenever there is a new chairman of the legislative council, the new chairman may remove the chair of the committee and appoint another chair.

(g) If a legislative member of the committee ceases to be a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member also ceases to be a member of the committee.

(h) A legislative member of the committee may be removed at any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative member.

(i) If a vacancy exists on the committee, the appointing authority who appointed the former member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

(j) The committee shall submit an annual report of the results of its study to the legislative council before November 1 of each year.

(k) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the committee.

(l) The committee may employ consultants to assist with its study.

(m) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals



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1 who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim
2 study committees established by the legislative council.

3 (n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
4 appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take
5 action on any measure, including final reports.

6 (o) This SECTION expires December 31, 2001.

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